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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A receiver adapted to receive data contained in a transmitted broadcast signal comprising: a tuner for receiving a broadcast signal;

a memory coupled to the tuner for storing data in the received broadcast signal in a database;

a user interface for providing a set of menus describing the database, and for accepting selections from the set of menus;

a controller coupled to the memory and the user interface for selecting data from the database in response to the accepted selections and providing the selected data in a digital form; and

a speech producing sub-system coupled to the controller and the memory for converting the selected data from digital form to an analog signal.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

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Claim 31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (canceled)

Claim 33 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 1, wherein the memory stores the entire database.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 1, wherein the memory comprises a combination of a volatile RAM memory and a non-volatile memory.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 34, wherein the non-volatile memory is selected from the group consisting of an audio tape, a magneto-optical mini-disk, a magnetic disk or an optical disk.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 1, wherein the received data is audio data that has been converted from analog form to digital form.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 36, wherein the received audio data is digitized and has been compressed.

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Claim 38 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 36, wherein the received audio data has been encrypted.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 1, wherein the received data is alphanumeric data that has been converted from analog form to digital form.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 39, wherein the alphanumeric data is converted to voice data by a speech synthesizer.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 1, wherein the data is in digital form, has been encrypted and compressed, and further comprising a decryptor for decrypting the data.

Claim 42 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 41, wherein said system has a decompression algorithm to decompress data that has been compressed at a transmitter prior to being broadcast.

Claim 43 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 41, wherein the decryptor is enabled by a key received by the tuner.

Claim 44 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 41, wherein the decryptor is enabled by a key device operatively connected to the decryptor.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 1, wherein the user interface is voice activated.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 1, wherein the user interface includes:

- a manual input device adapted to be mountable on an automobile steering wheel; and
- a link from the manual input device to the controller.

Claim 47 (currently amended): The ~~device~~ receiver of Claim 1, wherein the user interface includes a control for determining a speed at which the speech producing sub-system outputs the analog signal.

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Claim 48 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 1, wherein the tuner channel skips to tune to a particular transmitter.

Claim 49 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 1, further comprising:
an amplifier connected to the speech producing sub-system for amplifying the analog signal; and
means for converting the amplified signal to sound.

Claim 50 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 1, further comprising means for connecting the receiver to an automobile radio set.

Claim 51 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 1, further comprising means for designating by a broadcaster of the broadcast signal a hierarchy for the database.

Claim 52 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 1, wherein the memory stores the data received in a random access memory up to the capacity of the random access memory before transferring said data to one of a disk medium or a tape medium.

Claim 53 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 52, wherein the tape medium is a digital audio tape.

Claim 54 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 52, wherein the disk medium is a magnetic disk.

Claim 55 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 52, wherein the disk medium is a magnetic-optical disk.

Claim 56 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 52, wherein the disk medium is an optical disk.

Claim 57 (currently amended): The device receiver of Claim 1, wherein a speed of transmission of the data in the broadcast signal is varied to most efficiently use the available bandwidth.

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Claim 58 (previously presented): A method for information dissemination comprising the acts of:

- receiving the information;
- storing the received information in a database;
- providing a set of menus describing the database;
- accepting selections from the set of menus;
- selecting data from the database in response to the accepted selection;
- providing the selected data in digital form; and
- converting the selected data to an analog signal.

Claim 59 (previously presented): The method of Claim 58, wherein the received information is transmitted by a broadcast signal.

Claim 60 (new): The receiver of Claim 1, wherein the memory is sufficient to store data representing the content of at least one entire program.

Claim 61 (new): The method of Claim 58, wherein the stored information includes the content of at least one entire program.

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